

FREE SERVICE BY RAILROADS

Will Be Eliminated by Interstate Commerce Commission in Rate Matter.

AS THAT DISCRIMINATES And Costs the Eastern Railroads An Enormous Sum of Money Every Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Another new development was thrown today into the freight rate case before the Interstate Commerce Commission in which the fifty-two eastern railroads are seeking to advance their charges five per cent. when Commissioner Harlan announced that the commission intended to hold supplementary hearings on the question of fixing reasonable charges for free services railroad systems now performed for large industrial plants. The decision in the industrial railways case indicates that such free services to so-called trusts not only cost the railroad system about fifteen million dollars a year but discriminate against smaller industries. Commissioner Harlan in a formal statement pointed out that the evidence so far submitted tended to show "a substantial net revenue and a diminishing net income" for the railroads. The new rates proposed by the roads, he said, proposed advances ranging from three to fifty per cent. Increased rates probably would afford additional revenues.

"The commission however has set for itself a broader inquiry in the proceedings," said Mr. Harlan. "If the revenues are shown to be inadequate what general course may carriers pursue to meet the situation?"

PEN POPULATION

For the Month of January is Reported by the Warden to the Governor.

Warden M. L. Brown's report to the governor of the inmates of the state penitentiary for the month of January, 1914, is as follows: Number of inmates on the first day of the month, males 1,440, females 37, total 1,477. Received during the month of inmates on the first day of the month, males 4, total 40. Discharged by expiration of sentence 18, by pardon 3, by parole 1, by transfer to insane asylum 1, total 24. Number of prisoners at the end of the month, 1,156 males, 37 females, 1,193.

WAGE INCREASE

And Half Holiday Are Recommended by Scale Committee of Coal Miners.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 3.—A flat increase of five cents a ton on a mine run basis, a ten per cent increase for all day work, yardage and labor, and a half holiday on Saturdays were the principal recommendations of the scale committee submitted to the convention of the United Mine Workers of America today. The report is the basis for work of the joint conference of miners and operators of the central competitive field, which meets in Philadelphia next Tuesday. This field includes Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania.

The recommendations of the scale committee were adopted without change. A number of delegates wished to have included in the work demands for a weekly pay day but Van Bittner, chairman of the committee, explained that, under clause 7, the various districts could obtain this change. The scale committee approved the suggestion of President White that there be no suspension of work in the mines in case the negotiations for a new contract had not been completed by April next when the present agreement expires.

LEACH DEAD

Prominent Resident of Wood County is Taken by the Angel of Death.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 3.—D. E. Leach, who had been in a critical condition for the last several days, is dead at his home near Murphytown, his death being due to infirmities of age. The deceased man, who was a well known citizen in that section of the county, was 71 years of age. Besides his widow, he is survived by five children, who are as follows:

Mrs. J. C. Townsend, Parkersburg; Mrs. Joseph McGrady, Pennsylvania; Mrs. T. M. Quinn, Elkhart, Tex.; W. T. Leach, Vincennes, Ind.; and Clarence H. Leach, of this city.

The body was brought today to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Townsend, of Avery street, where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The interment will be made at Mt. Olive cemetery.

STILL ON TRIAL

Henry Hardy's damage suit against P. W. Lange and C. M. Crist is still on trial in the circuit court.

DISCRIMINATION

In Shipping Rates for Coal is Charged by Witness before the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Discrimination by the Pennsylvania railroad in rates on bituminous coal in favor of the Keystone Coal and Coke Company and the Jamison Coal and Coke Company, both of the Greensburg district, as against the Pittsburgh Coal Company was charged to by H. P. McCue, traffic manager of the latter company before the Interstate Commerce Commission. He was testifying in the hearing on the proposed five per cent advance in freight rates. He declared that the rates on coal moving west were so arranged that the Keystone and Jamison companies received the benefit of through rates, whereas on bituminous coal moving east the Pittsburgh Coal Company was cut off from a similar benefit by a line which the railroad company had drawn between the Pittsburgh and Greensburg fields.

RADIUM ABANDONED

In the Treatment of a Congressman Who Suffers from a Malignant Cancer.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—Although he passed a fairly comfortable night, Robert C. Bremmer, the New Jersey congressman, who is suffering from a malignant cancer, at a hospital here was reported to be weaker today. The radium applications have been discontinued and all hope for his recovery has been abandoned.

GIVES NEW BOND.

Before it ended its special term Monday evening, the county court accepted a new bond of \$3,500 from T. G. Nicewarner, justice of the peace for Clark district, in bondmen for John H. Mraz and Charles H. Jones.

GOOD WELLS DUE.

The Gordon sand oil territory in Sardis district, this county, is due to present some good production in the close of the week. There is no other section in the state that looks so promising.

ADVANTAGES ARE TOLD BY BISHOPS

Peterkin Talks about the Prohibition Law and Donahue Tells about Miners.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 3.—Two of the most widely known clergymen in West Virginia have recently taken occasion, in letters, to call the attention of the people of the country to the advantages to miners where they can raise their families to the best advantage. They are the Rt. Rev. Dr. George William Peterkin, Protestant Episcopal bishop of West Virginia, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Patrick James Donahue, Roman Catholic bishop of Wheeling.

In discussing the prohibition law, which goes into effect on July 1, Bishop Peterkin took occasion to say, "It is expected that the effect of the prohibition law, going into effect July 1, will be great and advantageous, especially for miners in this state. Such a law, faithfully carried out, cannot but promote the well-being of the community in that it removes many temptations to indulge in a vice which is so destructive of character and prosperity. Industrious miners and other laborers should be glad to embrace the opportunity of freeing themselves and their families from the dangers and drawbacks the saloon inevitably brings with it."

Bishop Donahue, talking of mining conditions in the state declared his belief that West Virginia afforded advantages found in no other state.

"For the last twenty years," he said, "my duties as Catholic bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, have brought me in close touch with the miners of West Virginia, the operators as well as the miners."

Within the last eighteen months his knowledge of the mining has deepened and widened by reason of my labors in connection with others on investigating committees. As a result of all the knowledge and experience thus acquired I am able to say that the condition of the mines in West Virginia is good and much better than in most other states. A sober, industrious and law abiding man has no difficulty in making a good living for himself and family. Danger to life and limb in the mines has, of late years, been reduced to a minimum. All that science and money can do has been done to safeguard the miners.

"Furthermore it is my deliberate judgment that, while some abuses have heretofore existed, the owners and operators of mines in West Virginia, have as a class, been very much misrepresented and maligned. Many

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HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF IDLERS IN CITY OF NEW YORK

Conditions Are Bad But Hope is Held Out That Relief May Come Some Time.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Statistics gathered by the employment of the society for improving the condition of the poor showing that 351,400 men in New York City are out of work. "Most of the employers feel, however," says the report, "that relief is in sight and that a very few months will see the return of normal business conditions."

Of the total unemployed, 140,000 are unskilled laborers. The building trades comes next with 70,000, then follows longshoremen, 18,000, cloak and suit makers, 18,000, waiters, 15,500, tailors and pressers, 6,000, clerks, bookkeepers and accountants, 5,000, mechanics, 4,500, boatmen, barge-men and sailors, 4,200, barbers, 3,800, drivers, 3,000, engineers and firemen, 3,000 and other trades in smaller proportion.

WHEELING MEN

To Be Made Defendants in a Case in Which a Clarksburg Bank is Plaintiff.

WHEELING, Feb. 3.—A notice of judgment was yesterday filed with the clerk of the circuit court by Attorneys Melvin O. Sperry, of Clarksburg, and Frank W. Nesbitt, of this city, for the Empire National Bank of Clarksburg against S. W. Harper and W. C. Handlan of this city for the sum of \$7,325.60. The motion stated that the suit would be filed on March 30, 1914.

The plaintiff bank also asks interest on the above amount from May, 1912. The notice is a matter in which joint and promissory notes are involved when the defendants were connected with the National Telephone Company.

SUED FOR DIVORCE.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 3.—Former State Senator Thomas Gartlan, politician and oil man, widely known over West Virginia is made defendant in divorce proceedings instituted by Mrs. Cecile Gartlan. The bill in the case has not been filed and Mrs. Gartlan's counsel will not discuss the ground of action to be alleged but it is said the case will prove sensational.

INJUNCTION

Is Sought at Columbus against Flint American Glass Workers' Union.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 3.—An injunction restraining the American Flint Glass Workers' Union from interfering with the operation of its plant in this city by non-union men was asked for in the United States district court here today by the Federal Glass Company. A strike has been in progress at the plant in the southern part of the city since July 17, 1913, several hundred former employees being out. Federal Judge Sater issued subpoenas for John Gilhooly, of Grafton, W. Va., and twenty local men to give testimony at the hearing upon the application for an injunction.

PROFESSIONS

Of Faith Are Many at Revival Meetings at Broad Oaks Methodist Church.

More than 110 professions have been made at the revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church at Broad Oaks and the meetings continue. The edifice is crowded at every service. Two hundred and twenty-eight persons attended the Sunday school Sunday and there were forty accessions to the church that day, with many more to follow. The Rev. A. M. Hammond, pastor of the church, is being very ably assisted by a faithful band of Christian workers.

STEPHENSON RESIGNS.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 3.—F. B. Stephenson, of Charleston, who succeeded Thomas E. Hodges as the Democratic member of the state board of control when the latter was chosen president of the West Virginia University, hastened his resignation to Governor Hatfield, and it became effective yesterday. The resignation of Dr. Stephenson was handed the governor Thursday.

ELKS TO MEET.

A regular weekly meeting of the Clarksburg lodge of Elks will be held at 8 o'clock this evening with Charles E. Kester, exalted ruler, presiding.

WOMEN REGISTERING IN LARGE NUMBERS

EMBARGO ON ARMS FOR WAR WILL BE LIFTED

By Proclamation to Be Issued by President of United States is the Current Word.

BECAUSE OF PARTIALITY

Present Course of the Administration Shows to Forces of General Huerta.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has decided to lift the embargo on exportation of arms to Mexico. A proclamation under the authority of the congressional resolution of 1912, which will restore the status of the arms question to where both Huerta forces and Constitutionalists may export arms from the United States soon will be issued from the White House.

News of the action about to be taken by President Wilson became known today through sources which have been constantly advised of the administration's policy in Mexico. It also became known that the subject had been discussed at the cabinet meeting today. It is believed that President Wilson finally decided to raise the embargo after being convinced that by restricting shipments of arms to Mexico the United States was not really showing impartiality. The embargo was in fact showing partiality as the Huerta forces were unable to get large supplies from abroad while the Constitutionalists limited entirely to shipments from the United States could get arms and ammunition practically only by smuggling.

It was understood in official circles that announcement of the president's determination to lift the embargo had gone forward to Charge O'Shaughnessy in Mexico City probably with instructions to advise the Huerta government. Constitutionalists agents in Washington learned of the development unofficially and declared that the end of the war was in sight. The only word that came from the White House was that an important announcement would be made at 5 p. m. today. White House officials declined to divulge its nature.

REVIVAL

Sermon is to Be Preached at St. Paul's Church by Charleston Minister Tonight.

The Rev. L. E. McDowell, of Charleston, will preach at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, South, this evening, where revival services are now going on. The Rev. Mr. McDowell closed a very successful meeting at the New Reane Street.



Methodist Episcopal church at Charleston last night, which resulted in the redemption of about sixty-five members to that growing congregation. He has been pastor of Reane Street church since last September, and the church has made remarkable development during his past pastorate. It will soon be one of the strongest churches in the capital city. All Christian churches are cordially invited to co-operate in this revival effort. Services will open every evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

EXCLUSION DEFERRED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—All Asiatic exclusion amendments to the Sander river act were defeated today in the House. The Hay-Carnegie amendment was beaten 104 to 54 after an overwhelming defeat of a similar amendment by Representative Baker.

HOUSES USED TO HUNT BURLGLARS

BIG FIRE

In City of Philadelphia Fought Many Hours before It is Extinguished.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The fire which threatened a whole square of business houses at Second and Arch streets early today was extinguished after five hours' work with losses estimated at \$255,000.

The fire started in the five-story factory of the Edward Darby and Sons Company, manufacturers of metal wire and iron goods. The place was practically destroyed and flames spread to the buildings occupied by C. B. Porter and Company, hardware manufacturers, Borden Store Company, spice warehouse, all of which were badly damaged.

ASSASSINATION

Of a Coal Mine Foreman is Attempted by An Unknown Person.

LYCIPPUS, Pa., Feb. 3.—Some unknown person this morning at 6 o'clock attempted to assassinate George H. Blackburn, foreman for the Clarksburg Coal Company, as he was taking ashes from the furnace at his residence here. Four shots were fired through the window but Blackburn escaped with flesh wounds. Troopers of the state constabulary are searching for the assailant.

MINER HANGED

For Murder of Woman But Execution is Delayed without Getting Reprieve.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Feb. 3.—John Erbel, coal mine foreman, was hanged here today for the murder in 1912 of Grace Sidole. Erbel's attorneys made a hard fight to save him. His execution today was delayed two hours in a final effort to secure a reprieve from the governor. Just before he went to his death, Erbel declared that liquor had made him irresponsible when he shot the girl.

AMPLE IS PROVISION FOR THE OHIO RIVER

AVIATOR NILES

Who Gave Flights Here Has a Thrilling Experience in New York.

A New York dispatch last night gave the following information concerning an aviator, who gave flights at the fair here last September:

While Charles T. Niles, a youthful Rochester, N. Y., aviator, was making a test flight down in a monoplane at an altitude of about 3,000 feet over the Hempstead Plains of Long Island today, his gasoline supply gave out. Tall first, the machine dropped quickly. Niles remained calm, however, and partly righted the machine, landing safely after a series of spiral dives.

Niles had intended to establish a record in looping the loop and flying upside down.

MILLINERY PARLOR

Will Be Opened by Mrs. Sturm Formerly with Parsons-Souders Company.

Mrs. Chas. D. Sturm of the Sturm's millinery store left for New York Monday evening on No. 4 to purchase her spring millinery stock and fixtures for her new place of business which is located next to Hesther's department store, at which she will be in charge. Mrs. Sturm was with the Parsons-Souders Company for the past five years and she is well known in her line of business. She expects to have one of the most up-to-date millinery systems in the city, having selected location and plenty of room. Mrs. Sturm assisted by Miss Pickett who has had years of experience comes highly recommended to all and expects to be able to render better service in the future than in the past.

FINE BIG SIGN.

A large new sign at the Apollo on West Main street near Fourth is attracting attention and winning admiration. It has a sunset effects. At 6 o'clock 700 pounds of wax were used to make it look like a large sign to erect. It was placed under the supervision of Elmer Baxter and Hal Corwin connected the electrical wiring. The sign was purchased from the Jovell Electric Company of Erie, Pa.

Posse with Dogs on Trail of Men Who Sacked Mt. Clare Stores.

PART OF PLUNDER LEFT Lot of Loot Carried from Maxwell's and Money is Taken from Pool Room.

Bloodhounds from Weston were put on the trail Tuesday noon of burglars who broke into a pool room and a general store Monday night at Mount Clare and carried off \$30 or \$40 in money and about all the merchandise and groceries they could carry.

The places robbed are L. F. Maxwell's general store and Fox and Fowler's pool room. The former place and was entered by breaking the glass in the front door. After going inside the burglars ransacked the stock and helped themselves to a varied assortment of clothing, shoes, cutlery, tobacco and groceries, which they tied up in bundles. They then broke into the basement by smashing a window and helped themselves generally to things stored there, including meat, flour and other foodstuffs. The cash register in the store was open and empty. It being Mr. Maxwell's custom to leave it that way, he keeps no money in the store over night.

Part of the plunder taken from the store was abandoned by the burglars at a point down the road when they were scared by the approach of a young man who works on a night shift at one of the nearby mining plants and who was on the way home from work. They climbed a fence and disappeared among trees and the young man stopped to examine the bundles that were left in the road. Upon seeing that they contained loot from a store, he gave an alarm, aroused several residents of the neighborhood and the burglars were unable to return for them. A search was made for the thieves but without success.

At the pool room, the robbers broke open a slot machine and obtained between \$30 and \$40 in money, the rest of the loot being taken by breaking the glass of the front door.

The sheriff's office in Clarksburg was notified of the burglary and Clarence E. Stout, deputy, went to the scene at once and made arrangements to keep the burglars from bloodhounds. He formed a posse and headed it in the chase when the dogs arrived.

Late in the afternoon the hounds had led the posse down in the vicinity of the Marshall mining settlement. Prior to the robbery the hounds ran several wrong trails around the store and pool room and it is doubtful whether the dogs will be able to pick up the right one.

NEW RAILROAD

Will Be Built in Eastern Part of State as Result of a Court Decision.

MARTINSBURG, Feb. 3.—After fighting for several months in the circuit court here, the Williamsport, Nesque and Martinsburg Railroad Company has won its suit against the Standard Time and Stone Company for a right of way through the latter's land in this county.

Judge Robert W. Walker, of Ramoth, sitting as special referee, decided that the railroad company is a legal common carrier corporation in West Virginia, and as such has a right to condemn land for a roadbed. The new railroad will be built from Williamsport, Md., to Martinsburg by way of the quarry village of Nesque, a distance of fifteen miles. Chief Engineer Carmichael, of the Western Maryland railroad, is the president and the chief stockholder is President Fitzgerald of the Western Maryland. The case will be appealed to the state supreme court.

GOOD REVELAL.

The special meetings at the Methodist Protestant chapel at corner of Sycamore and Locust streets continue with much interest and encouragement with the Rev. U. W. Morrison, pastor, preaching. The congregations are large and the Sunday school attendance is good. The meetings have been many professions. The meeting opens every evening at 7:30 o'clock.

MR. SHERRY HERE.

William H. Sherry, of Huntington, is visiting in the city on his way home from Pittsburg. Mr. Sherry recently sold his hotel and saloon business in Huntington and he contemplates taking a trip to Florida to prospect with a view of locating there. He will be here two or three days.

KILLED BY CAR.

WHEELING, Feb. 3.—Alfred H. McDowell, well known resident of Shady-side, slipped in front of car No. 15 on the Belaire and Shadyside division of the Wheeling Traction Company last night about 8 o'clock and received injuries that later caused his death at the Hocking hospital, this city.